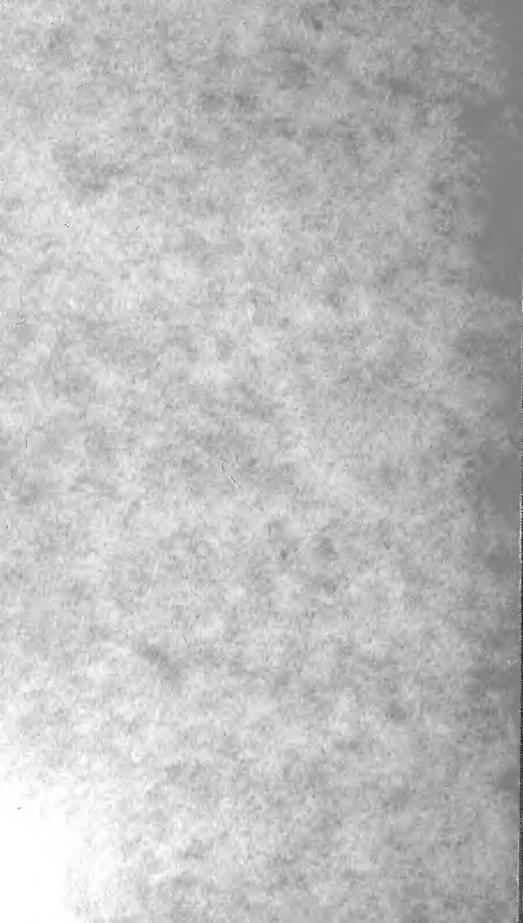
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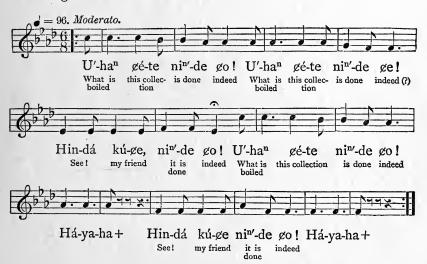
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## SONGS OF THE HECUCKA SOCIETY.

The Hegucka Society is composed of men who have distinguished themselves in war. Sometimes a boy is admitted to the society in the place of his father. It was in this way that Mr. Francis La Flèche became a member. He furnished the writer with several songs, and aided him in the revision of others.

There is often a difference between the words of the song as sung, and the same words as merely spoken. The alphabet used is that of the Bureau of Ethnology.

I. Song about the Hegucka feast.



Three words differ from the spoken language: øo, for aøa u (?); øe, probably the same; ku-øe, Omaha notation of the Winnebago tca-ko-ró, my friend.

II. Song dictated by Fred Merrick. Mr. Joseph La Flèche gave the theme, "When Wakanda says that I shall not be, I shall not be."

A<sup>n</sup>-¢iñ'-ge e-há-ma (As spoken, A<sup>n</sup>¢iñ'ge, é amá).
A<sup>n</sup>-¢iñ'-ge e-há-ma,
A<sup>n</sup>-¢iñ'-ge, e-há-ma,
Wa-kan'-da a<sup>n</sup>-¢iñ'-ge e-há-ma,
A<sup>n</sup>-¢iñ'-ge.
E+-¢a-he+-¢au+! (+ marks a prolonged sound.)

III. Song, given by Fred Merrick. Theme: "That one causes me to be known by Wakanda. Heqaga causes me to be known by Wakanda." Heqaga, or Elk, was a brave Omaha who had died withvol. I.—NO. I.

out fearing death. Through him Wakanda would hear about the singer.

Gá-gin Wá-kan-daú Í-ba-han-bi-an-ge+!
 Cé-gin Wá-kan-daú Í-ba-han-bi-an-ge+!
 Cé-gin Wá-kan-daú Í-ba-han-bi-an-ge+!
 Gá-gin Wá-kan-daú Í-ba-han-bi-an-ge+!
 E+! wi+!

That-unseen-one by-Wakanda. Causes-me-to-be-known!
That-visible-one by-Wakanda.

 He-qá-ga ctĭ Wá-kan-daú Í-ba-ha<sup>n/</sup>-bi-a<sup>n</sup>-ge+! Cé-gin Wá-kan-daú Í-ba-ha<sup>n/</sup>-bi-a<sup>n</sup>-ge+! Gá-gin Wá-kan-daú Í-ba-ha<sup>n/</sup>-bi-a<sup>n</sup>-ge+!

E+!

Elk too by-Wakanda Causes-me-to-be-known!

IV. Ki-cta-wa-gu's song. Dictated by Fred Merrick.

The idea of the first verse is, "Without any one to teach you bravery, you would fear to see (something)." And that of the second, "Do you say that you fear to look at the Dakotas because they gave me two horses?"

- I. Wa-gan-ze giñ-ge tĕ, Nan-ga-pá-bi e-he+! Wa-gan-ze giñ-ge tĕ, Nan-ga-pa-bi e-he+! Nan-ga-pá-bi, nan-ga-pá-bi, Nan-ga-pá-bi, e-dé-ca-bi. He-e+-go+!
- Ca-an' øañ-ká cañ'-ge
   Nan'-ba an-'í-ba —
   Ca-an' øañ-ká cañ'-ge
   Nan'-ba an-'í-ba —
   Nan'-ga-pá-bi, nan'-ga-pá-bi,
   Nan'-ga-pá-bi, e-dé-ca-bi.
   He+-e+-øo+!

V. Song of Wajide agin. Written by Frank La Flèche. Music by Professor Szemelenyi, to whom Frank La Flèche sung the song. It refers to one who was wounded in battle. He says:—

"Indádi ijáje gadé mangin'i-gă! Wajíde agin' ijiñ'ge éĕ My father his pronouncing it walk ye Something he has his son it is he

hă, ecé tai. Dadíha, inc'áge amá gigísigái hă."

o father old men the pl. subj. they remember you



It is sung thus: -

VI. Song in honor of Uhan-janga. He was slain in a fight with the Dakotas, after he had joined the Hegucka. A survivor composed this song, of which the words in the spoken language are as follows:—

Aggí tĕ ugúama. Úhan-aañ'ga, inc'áge amá Cigísigai (Ŋĭ'jĭ) zá'e átiágai.

(Ádan) aggí tĕ ugúama.

I regret that I have come back (alive) O Uhan-langa, the aged men,
When they think of you, make a sudden uproar (calling your name),
(Therefore) I regret that I have come back (instead of dying as you did).

The same song, in singing notation: -

Há-ggi té gú-a-mé! Há-ggi té gú-a-mé! Há-ggi té gú-a-mé!

Há-ggi té gú-a-mé!

Ú-han-yan ;añ'-ga, hin-c'á-ge a-má Ĉi-gí-si-gaí, zá-'e á-i-á-ti-a-gaí! E+á-ggi té gú-a-mé!

Hí-e gé-e-ó!

Hí-e-¢e-e+o+-é! (<, crescendo.)

Sung by Frank La Flèche. Recorded by Professor Szemelenyi.



VII. Supposed to be sung by a man who addresses his kindred and other friends. The words of this song, if spoken, would be as follows:—

An'ba géonan añgítanbái-gă! Hegúcka tĕ téqi édegan, dáxe tá miñke! An'ba géonan añgítanbái-

See me, your kinsman, only for to-day!
The Hegucka is a difficult thing,
but I will undertake it!
See me, your kinsman, only for to-day!

The same song, in singing notation. The first line is sung by one man, then all join him in singing the rest.

I. A<sup>n</sup>'-ba-gé-ona<sup>n</sup>-ya<sup>n</sup>' añ'-gi-í ¡a<sup>n</sup>'-ba-i-gá! A<sup>n</sup>'-ba-gé-ona<sup>n</sup>-ya<sup>n</sup>' añ'-gi-í ¡a<sup>n</sup>'-ba-i-gá! Añ'-gi-í ¡a<sup>n</sup>' ba-i-gá! A<sup>n</sup>'-ba-gé- ona<sup>n</sup>-ya<sup>n</sup>' añ'-gi-í' ¡a<sup>n</sup>'-ba-i-gá! Hi-é gé-e+-o+-e!

2. Hé-øu-cká te té-qi é-de,dá-xe tá miñ-ké! Añ'-gi-í ₁a¹'-ba-i-gá! A¹'-ba-øé-ona¹-ya¹' añ'-gi-í ₁a¹'-ba-i-gá! He+-øo! He+-øo!

J. Owen Dorsey.

### A TETON DAKOTA GHOST STORY.

#### BY GEORGE BUSHOTTER.

Ehan'ni wićóti ske. Lend oyate nin wanáse áya ćanké Long ago many lodges it is said These people the to surround the they were because buffalo, etc., oyáte ótapi. Waná yákěl étipi ćaŋ wićása wanzí in that they camped when manner there for a night people were many proclaiming

Na, Thokáta pté яeyápi ške. otá kte lo + !was coming they say that it is said And In future buffalo many will eyá iwáhowićayápi. Na Waktáya un pó, waná téhanl 46 )) he sent word to them about it ye And now lehanl' wikóśkalayá yápi líla Ŋiŋ koskálaya wan wasté - la at this time young man one young woman very pretty small ćiŋ ҳeyas' sun'kawakan' yúziŋ ktá atkúku yin will wished he take hold of though horses her father her (= marry) śni kú sni ehaŋҙaŋṡ yúzin kte **уе**уа́рі ćanké líla if thereafter he marry shall not they said that because he gave very ćantésíćin na héktakíya kiglá. Yŭŋ'kaŋ aké they broke up and back again he had gone back And again sun'kawakan' líla iyáyapi hćehaŋ' wasteste iyewicayapi na they had just then very good ones he found them gone akan' yan yin' héćĕś ećĕl' yá yaŋ yin' ćanké na na waná because on he sat and it happened so he was going (sit-ting) and now glí. Yŭn'kan típi wanżíla otíwotá Ŋīŋ ĕl éna han' deserted camp-ing place And there he came back there lodge one the "Itó, ća wanyan'ka tká waná maká iyákpaza áya ćanké he saw it but earth dark on it it became because now yaŋŋé," léna kĕś muŋਸ਼á ećin' waná típi ĕl na perhaps (in thought) he thought though I lie here and now lodge there ikhíyela ú. titáhepiyá Yŭŋ'kaŋ típi yin tiyópa waníćin na near to it he was door and half-way up the lodge And lodge the it had none onáspe ećé un akátapi ćanké nóka átaya maká tīl yé sni only with it was covered because with dirt entire ground dug into how into the akĕi' tīl Yŭŋ'kaŋ timáhĕl ćanjōb' tká iyáya. paslátapí into the he had And within the lodge four posts were driven upright gone into the ground yin wanyanl' táku slolyé śni tka étŭŋwe sni itókab he did what up above he looked before but the but not not hehan' oźaŋ'źaŋ ćaŋké then it was light because waŋҳaŋl' étŭŋwaŋ. wan'ćag ćéti na he made and a fire up above suddenly Yŭn'kan wićágnakápi wan' han. Yŭn'kan ektá étŭnwan. Yŭn'kan there he looked a burial scaffold stood And one ćuwignayá ŭŋ' ća kūl ahitŭŋwa around her chest and back she as (?) down she gazed win'yan wan unphan' hiŋské kūl ahítŭnwan. one female elk teeth in Yŭn'kan koskálaya yin wan'éag iyéyiya. Na waná hěl suddenly he recognized Aud now her And young man the there

Na waná akíhante yiníća ćaŋké lećin', "Itó, pté he was starved almost to death he thought And now because Well. yaŋҳé," óle blá ećin'. Yŭn'kan wanági nin hećíya, "Loyáćin perhaps (in thought) he thought And the I go ghost sŭŋ'kawakaŋ' xiŋ akan' iglotáxiŋ na heyátakiya yehé piŋ heŭŋ' you said the you sit on therehorse the on eaan' **t**ókṡa pté ĕl niúpi yinhan', by and buffalo when some come to when they among them iyénićiyin' na tukté iyótan wasté na hé yaó na ayáné na hanné put your and which exceedingly good the that you wound and you bring it and a piece hither ćeyáunđin' na míye tokéya wanági waémiyéćignaxin' kte," eyá. you roast on a you put it down for me and first ghost shall said she me Ćaŋké ho wanas' héćes iyáya. Yŭŋ'kaŋ waná pahá okíksa it happened he had gone now And now haŋ waŋ ĕl ogná u. Yŭŋ'kaŋ pté optáye wan buffalo one there in he was coming And herd one ćanké éna inážin yin ičun'han in'yanyápi yin wićóhan was coming because there (collective) he stood there the while they ran śŭŋg-iŋ'yaŋkíye ҳiŋ ićŭŋ'haŋ éwaćinksápa ća héćena wan'ćag the he realized his situaas so then he made his horse run while aglí. Yŭn'kan win'yan wanagi nin took it And woman ghost the wanźi ó na phátin na one he wounded and cut it up and Yŭŋ'kaŋ wiŋ'yaŋ ćeŭm' ećŭŋ'. yin haŋҳé ćaŋké Ġί canké ecun'. because he did it to roast commanded And woman glihéićiya, ćanké yuś'iŋ'yeyá glehyéla makáta hú (with) leggins striped she made herself fall sud-with beads she made herself fall sud-denly on her feet therefore legs " Komákipe śní," ećíya. hećíya, wanági nik said that (= the following) Fear me not ghost Hehanl' nakun' tákećin' na eyé sni itókab, wanági yin slolyá and he said not ghost the she knew it what he before thought Ho héćes waná hŭn'yu iyáyapi yin' ećěl' yápi ktá yeyápi their they had the mothers gone they go will they said ¶ It happened now 80 "Aŋ'pa ćaŋ tká wanági win'yan xin leyá, éuntí Day-time while ghost she said this we dwell in the lodge and woman the

kte," ećíya

will she said to

héćĕṡ

it happened

ćanké

because

uŋyiŋ'

we go

igláka

night when striking the tent
(or migrating)

hanhépi ćan'

hanhépi ehan' igláka yápi. Yŭŋ'kan wiŋ'yan אַiŋ night at that time striking the tent (or migrating) they went And woman the
phamáhěl ecé máni na zóhanni tákuni eyé śni, hú zin with covered always she and never nothing she said it not legs the
tan'in' sni nains' hape sni mani ske. Na wicasa nin visible not or making a noise not she walked it is said And man the
tanmáhěl táku awáćin nin oyás'in wanági nin slolyá ške. within the body what he thought the all ghost the she knew it it is said.
Ho heŭn' wanági nin táku oyás'in slolyápi ške. Hehanl' nakun Therefore ghost the what all they know it it is said
tatéyanpá kta ćan' wanági nin slolyá ške, na magáżu nains the wind blow will when ghost the knows it it is and rain or said
wayin'yan u kiyin ktá ćan slolyá śke. Na wanági yin 10hanl' heavy thunder-clouds will when knows it it is said And ghost the at what time draw near
taté can'na líla wíyuskin' ske. Na hécĕl ománihan'pi tká wind when very is glad it is said And in that manner they were walking but about
oyáte xin iyéwićayápi sni ećĕl' wićása xin ins' eyé wanági people the they did not find them so man the he too ghost
icága. Ho hécel wanági vin ins eyá zókel un nun'pi vin lécel he became I in that ghost the they too how we live the in this manner
un'pi ske. they live it is said.

#### NOTE.

The foregoing story has been edited by the Rev. J. Owen Dorsey, in order to make the Dakota words conform as far as possible to the Riggs alphabet, as given in "Smithsonian Contributions to Knowledge," vol. iv., 1852. The inverted letters, d, y, 1, are "sonant-surds," described by Mr. Dorsey in his paper on Siouan Phonology in the Smithsonian Report for 1883.

#### TRANSLATION.

In the olden time there was once a large village. The people were many because they killed the buffalo. When they camped for the night, a man used to go through the camp as a crier, saying, "There will be many buffalo. Be on the alert!" When they had gone in this manner for a long time, there was a young man who wished to marry a beautiful young girl; but as they said that he should not marry her unless he gave her father some horses, he

became displeased and abandoned the tribe. Just as they struck the tents the next morning the young man found very fine horses, one of which he mounted, and thus he returned to the deserted camping site. He saw there a solitary lodge and, as night was coming on, he thought, "Well, perhaps I shall lie here, though (it is not exactly suitable?)."

He approached the lodge, but he found that it had no entrance, and it was covered half way up all around with square pieces of sod. By and by, he managed to get inside. Four posts had been driven into the ground. He lighted a fire, and looked up. A burial scaffold was there! On the scaffold was a woman, around whose chest and back were rows of teeth of the female elk. She looked down, and immediately the young man recognized her. He dwelt with her for a long time, as she became his wife. At length, when he had almost starved to death, he thought, "Well, I will go to hunt a buffalo."

He did not speak aloud. And the ghost said, "You said that you were hungry. Mount your horse and ride back to the bluffs. By and by, when you meet some buffalo, rush in among them and shoot the fattest one. Bring the meat home, roast a piece on a stick, and serve me with my share before you eat."

He departed according to her instructions. He reached a valley, where he met a herd of buffalo. He made his horse run among them, killed one, cut up the body, and carried it home. He roasted the piece, as he had been commanded. Then the woman slipped down from the scaffold, alighting on her feet. Her leggins had rows of beadwork on them. The young man was alarmed, but the ghost said, "Fear me not." The ghost knew what he thought before he could say a word.

Then they said that they would go just as their mothers had gone, but the ghost woman said to him, "Let us pitch the tent during the day, and travel by night." So they traveled at night. The woman walked with her head covered, never saying anything; her legs were invisible, and she made no noise as she walked. When the man thought about anything, the ghost knew all, though he did not speak of it.

Therefore the ghosts know all things. The ghost knows when the wind will blow, and when there will be rain or heavy thunder clouds. The ghost is very glad when there is going to be a wind.

And thus did the man and his ghost wife travel about, but the people did not find them; and finally the man himself became a ghost.

It is said that the ghosts also live (and act) just as we do.

J. Owen Dorsey.

## PONKA STORIES, TOLD BY TIM POTTER, OR BIG GRIZZLY BEAR, IN 1872, AT PONKA AGENCY, DAKOTA TERRITORY.

Prophecies.—At a time when the Ponkas had no food, Horse-with-yellow-hair prayed to Wakanda (the Great Mysterious Power) on the hill beyond Stony Butte, and said, "There are many buffalo. Go and see. This is what Wakanda says." They departed, and only one man returned. He said, "All the Ponkas have been killed." Then Smoke-maker prayed and sang, prophesying, "To-morrow they will return. Wakanda says so." And his prophecy was fulfilled.

A man prophesied that the Dakotas would steal White Eagle's horse. Bare Legs had a presentiment of his death. He saw his spirit covered with blood upon a hill; and four days after, May 3, 1872, he was slain. Bird Head lost a brother, to whom Knows-the-land prophesied thus: "O friend, the Dakotas will kill you!" Smoke-maker had a drum. One summer day, when it was out-of-doors, it began to beat when no one was near it. So Smoke-maker meditated and prophesied, saying, "Twenty-two Pawnees shall be killed." In the fight that ensued, Big Head was wounded in the neck. The Pawnees were defeated, and the infant son of Smoke-maker was brought to the battle-field, where his feet were placed on the necks of two Pawnees: hence his name, Nan-ba/wa-tan, Trod on two. This occurred in 1857.

Sleight of Hand. — One day Whip, a head chief, said, "I am going to make the sun blue." And he did so. Then he said, "I am going to pull out some of the hair of the man in the moon." He held up his hands to show that he had no hair in them. Then he began to sing. Suddenly he had some bloody hair in each hand. Ga-qi'-de man'-gin and a great many others were witnesses.

Once, when the Ponkas were destitute of food, Buffalo Bull, the father of Grizzly Bear's Ear, said, "I will use magic." His wife replied, "Please do so." So he made a pile of earth about two feet high, and shot four arrows into it. A large deer was then slain, furnishing them with plenty to eat.

F. Owen Dorsey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A prominent landmark, about seven miles back from the Missouri and the Agency.

## ABSTRACTS OF OMAHA AND PONKA MYTHS.

The author began these abstracts in a series of letters to "The American Antiquarian and Oriental Journal" of Chicago. These myths were dictated to the author by the Indians in their own language, the Legiha. They will be published by the Bureau of Ethnology in "Contributions to North American Ethnology. Vol. VI. The Legiha Language. Part I. Myths, Stories, and Letters." The Rabbit myths were described in the "American Antiquarian," vol. viii. No. 5 (September, 1886), pp. 285, 286. These were followed by the Ictinike and Coyote myths, in vol. viii. No. 6 (November, 1886), pp. 366, 368.

The last article in vol. ix. No. 2 (March, 1887), pp. 95-97, contained accounts of The Orphan as a Rabbit, The Orphan and the Water Monster with Seven Heads, The Orphan and the Buffalowoman, and The Corn-woman and the Buffalo-woman.

He who sticks a plume in his hair, or, Hinqpé-ágæĕ, was the youngest son of a couple who had lost all their other sons in contests with some bad men who possessed magic power. The magic plume caused its wearer to avenge the deaths of his brothers. The first day, the contestants climbed poles. Hinqpé-ágæĕ won, and killed the first bad man. The next day, they tried swings, and though the hero was assigned one with broken cords, he escaped falling by means of his plume; and the bad man who used the strong swing was killed by a fall. The third day, he won a race. Then only one bad man remained. As he did not appear on the next day, Hinqpé-ágæĕ went in search of him.

On the way he met a beautiful woman, who was the bad man in another shape. She deceived the hero, making him recline with his head in her lap, and go to sleep. While he was asleep, she took hold of his ears and pulled them. Then she removed the magic plume. Hinqpé-ágge became a mangy dog. The bad man stuck the plume in his own hair, and took the dog to a large village. The man said that he was Hingpé-ágge, and, as that hero had become famous, the chief gave him his eldest daughter for a wife. The chief's second daughter was kind to the dog, though her sister and the bad man wished the dog killed. The bad man was always unsuccessful in bringing game home; but the dog always killed one of the larger animals. On the removal of the village, the dog had the power of speech restored to him, and he told the girl to make a sweat-lodge for him. When the lodge was uncovered, behold, he was a handsome man. He married the girl, and when he reached the village where the bad man was he snatched the plume from him, and stuck it in his own

hair. When he kicked the bad man, the latter became a mangy dog, that was killed at once by order of the chief. The hero was very useful to the tribe, bringing in much game. Then the widow of the bad man said to her sister, "Let us have your husband together." But the wife reminded her of her former cruelty to him. After a while the hero returned with his wife to his own country. The elder sister followed them, though not invited. When they reached his father's lodge, behold, the parents were very poor, and the crows had picked out their eyes. The sister-in-law restored their sight, and was rewarded by being made the wife of

Hingpé-ággě.

The Chief's Son and the Thunders. — The chief's son had been lazy, but he had a vision, which caused him to make up a war-party. They met an aged Thunder-man, whom they did not recognize, and who seemed very poor. He rewarded their kindness by giving the leader an otter-skin bag and a club that could make thunder. The leader sent out scouts each day, charging them not to molest any of their "Grandfathers" whom they might encounter. The first day, the men attacked a buffalo, and one of their number was killed. The second day they attacked a big wolf, with a like result. The third day a grizzly bear slew one of them. The fourth day they came to the End-of-the-Sky, where there was a chasm, into which the perpendicular sky descended and then ascended at very short intervals. leaped across but one man, who was carried down into the chasm by the descending sky! By and by they came in sight of a mountain, on which was a dense cedar forest, and smoke issued from the summit. The scouts were four days in finding the cave near the top. As they entered they found an aged man, with a large head covered with white hair. This was a Thunder-man. He had three brothers. One had red hair, another had yellow hair, and the last one had green hair. They brought home a black bear, a buffalo bull, and a They gave the visitors the bear and buffalo for their dead man. dinner. After the meal, the first old man called on the young chief to tell his adventures.

As the young man demurred, the old man said that he would tell a myth. So he began telling about four old Thunder-men with large heads, to whom a party of Indians had come, referring to himself and his brothers. Then the young man said that he would tell a myth. So he told about a chief who had a lazy son, giving his own adventures up to the time when they entered the cave. After this all went to sleep. But the leader warned his followers to "sleep with one eye open." By and by, when all were thought to be sound asleep, the leader, peeping through a hole in his robe, saw the first old man rise slowly and peer towards the visitors. He had a club or some other

weapon in his hand, and just as he was about to attack the Indians their leader sprang to his feet, whirled his magic club around his head four times, making thunder, which killed all four of the Thunder-men! Then he ordered his men to take the four scalps entire. without marring them. On the way back he rescued the four men who had been killed by the End-of-the-Sky and the animals. All his warriors received garments made of human scalps. Finally, the

young leader was made the head chief over several tribes.

The Chief's Son, the Snake-woman, and the Thunders. — The young man made three attempts to drink at a spring, but was scared away on seeing a snake appear above the surface of the water. The fourth time that he approached, he saw a beautiful woman, who married him. She was the Snake-woman. She gave him a ring, telling him to take his meals apart from the rest of his tribe, and before eating he should place the ring beside him, calling on her. he did this she appeared; but after the meal she vanished. was done four times. On the fourth day, she was discovered by one of her husband's family, and from that time she remained with him. Subsequently, on learning of his love for another woman, she disappeared. The husband traced her to the spring and beyond it. An aged man, who was "mysterious," gave the young man ragged clothing, a cap which rendered the wearer invisible, a "striking weapon," and a lame horse. He told him how to find his wife, and what to do to her and to others. Closing his eyes, the young man crossed a wide stream at one stride! There he found a lodge, where some bad Thunder-men lived. They preyed on the human race. youth alarmed them by hitting them when invisible, then appearing and vanishing at will. Finally, he made them promise him to eat animals instead of people, under a severe penalty. When he reached the village where the Snake-woman was, he found that she had married again. So he killed her and all the people in the village by brandishing his magic weapon. Returning to the Thunder-men, he found that they still ate human beings. So he banished them from this earth, sending them into the upper world, where they serve men by sending cooling rains and storms in hot On his return home he married the woman of whom his first wife had been jealous. He was killed during an attack on his village. But there is much more of the myth, which was forgotten by the informant.

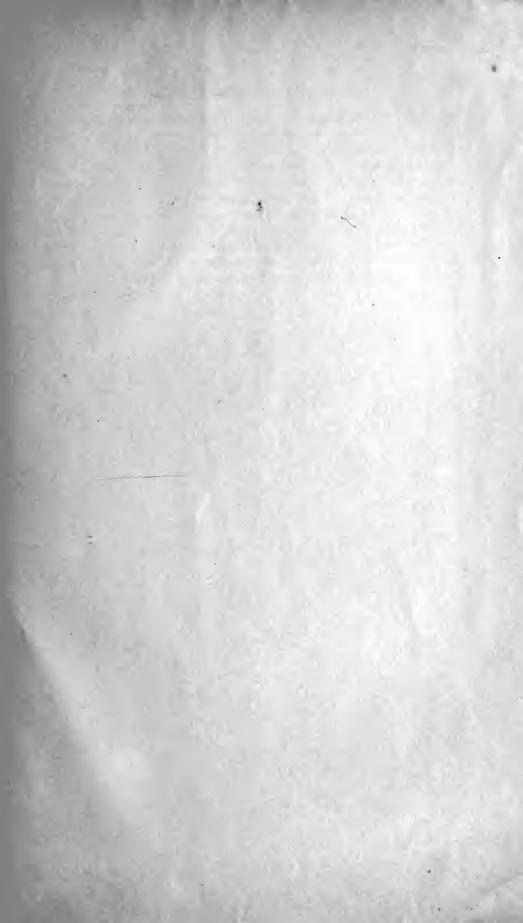
Two-faces and the Twin Brothers. — A man's wife became enceinte. Her husband told her not to look at any visitor who came to the lodge in his absence; so when a two-faced being came, she sat with her face to the back of the lodge. She did so three days in succession. On the fourth day, as the Two-faces was departing, she turned

her head, and saw him. The sight killed her at once. Two-faces cut her open, extracted the twins, leaving one at the lodge and taking the other to the forest, to be raised by ground-mice. The brothers met when they were large enough to use the bow. They had several adventures. Their father told them not to visit a certain spring. As soon as he departed, the wild brother persuaded the other one to accompany him to the spring, where they found many rattlesnakes. They cut off the tails, made a bundle, and carried them home, where they put them around the entrance to the lodge. When the father returned, he made them restore the tails to the snakes. Then he told them not to go near a ravine. They disobeyed him, and found there an old woman, making pottery. This "Grandmother" resembled the "Old Man of the Sea," in Sindbad the Sailor's story. One of the boys took her on his back to carry her home. When they arrived, they could not get her off! They tickled her, but in vain. At last they hit her in the hollow of the back with a stone hammer. Their father, on his return, made them take the old woman back to the ravine. The third day, they went to a tree on a high point of land. It contained the nest of a Thunder-bird, in which were four young birds. One brother climbed the tree, and threw the birds down, after asking each one what its name was. When the fourth bird was thrown down, the tree shot up to a great height, carrying the youth almost out of hearing. The other brother struck the tree with a stone hammer, and pronounced certain magic words, causing the tree to resume its former size. The boys took the birds home, but the lightning in and around the lodge so alarmed the father that he made them restore the birds to the nest. adventures of the fourth day were not obtained.

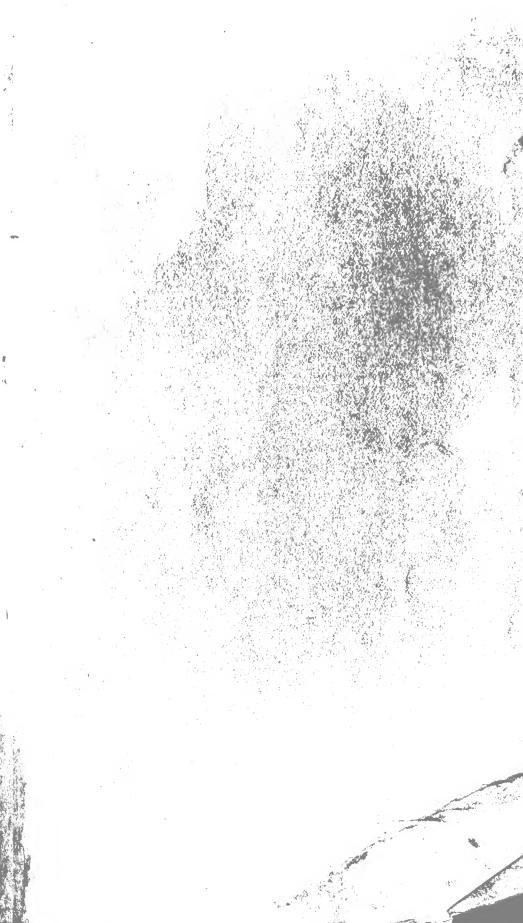
The Brothers, Sister, and Red Bird. — There were four brothers, who dwelt by themselves. Three went hunting one day, leaving the youngest to take care of the lodge. He hurt his foot with a splinter, which he drew out, and wrapped in some fine buffalo hair, laying the bundle at the side of the lodge. He then went for water. On his return, he heard a child crying in the lodge. It was the splinter, which had become a girl. The four brothers decided to adopt the girl; so she became their little sister. When she was grown, a Red Bird came to court her. He was a man when he ran away with her, but he was a bird when he returned to inform the brothers. youngest brother saw the bird, and shot his arrows at it. At last he shot a magic arrow, which the brothmissed the bird. ers prized. It wounded the bird, who flew off with the arrow. The fourth followed, wishing to recover the arrow. He had sundry adventures at four villages. At last he reached a great lake, at the bottom of which dwelt the Red Bird. The sister of the youth

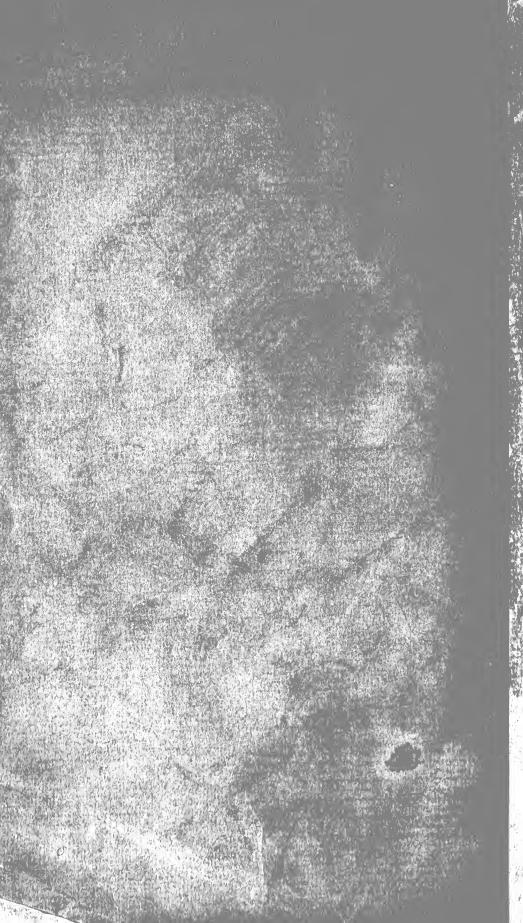
emerged from the water, and persuaded him to accompany her beneath the surface. As he approached his sister the water separated, revealing a passage to the submarine village. There he was welcomed by the Red Bird, who restored the magic arrow. When he left, the Red Bird gave him four tiny boats, which had magic power. On reaching each of the four villages where he had been entertained, he put a boat into the water, and pronounced some words causing the boat to become very large, when it was filled with all the presents that the youth wished to give to the chief. Each chief gave him a daughter for a wife, but the youth kept three for his brothers, and married one whom he considered the kindest.

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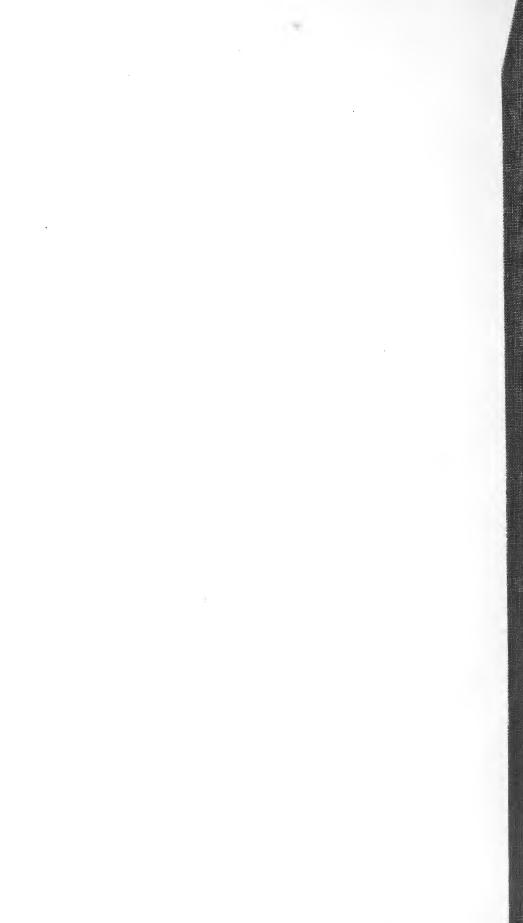














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